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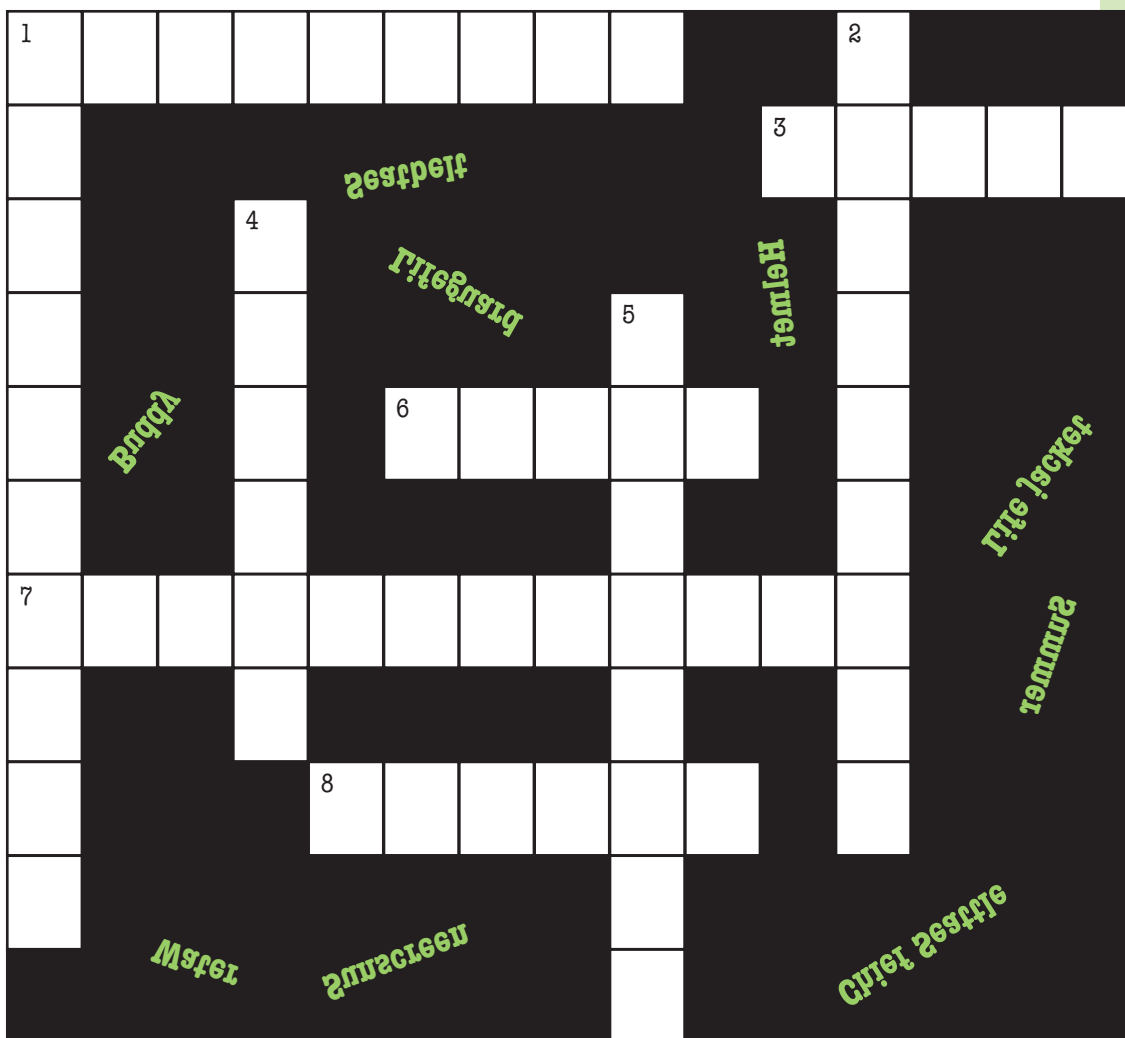
Fireflies

THE KID'S SAFETY SOURCE

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Summer Safety Crossword

Use the clues to fill in the answers for this crossword puzzle.



Across

1. protects the pool
3. always swim with one
6. drink lots when hot
7. the Fire Boat's name
8. hot season

Down

1. wear it on a boat
2. prevents sunburn
4. protects your head
5. buckle it for safety

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Feature Fire Fighter

Meet the Seattle firefighters that work on the fireboat.



**Dave Folsom, Bob Burtch, Greg Elder,
John Hill, Brian Griffin**

wear life jackets any time we are on the boat". They have special life jackets that look like bright red coats. The firefighters take classes to learn how to do their special jobs on the fire boat. Fighting fires and rescuing people from a boat is different than it is on land. They study hard to stay safe while they work.

There are four jobs for firefighters to do on the fire boat. The Pilot drives the boat. The Engineer makes sure the engines keep running. The Officer is in charge of emergencies. Then there are the Deckhands. Engineer Brian Griffin says, "The deckhand is one of the hardest jobs on the fire boat". The deckhand has to be able to do all the jobs on the boat in case they are needed to fill in when someone is absent. They work together as a special team. Pilot Bob Burtch says, "We each have a big job to do, but we can't do it if we don't work together."

The firefighters who work on the fire boat want kids to know that it is important to be safe around the water. Pilot Bob Burtch says, "Kids should always wear their life jackets when they are on a boat." And, when asked what the best part of working on the fire boat is, Deckhand Dave Folsom said, "We win most of our water fights."

The Seattle Fire Department has a special type of fire engine. It is a fire boat named Chief Seattle. The fire boat does the same things a fire engine does, but it does them on the water. The firefighters who work on the fire boat help people who are sick or hurt. They put out fires. They rescue people.

The firefighters on the fireboat help keep the people of Seattle safe by doing a daily patrol of the water. The fire boat helps protect the water along the City of Seattle in Puget Sound. They also protect water in Lake Union and part of Lake Washington. Sometimes they even go to other cities, like Bremerton or Everett, and help them during an emergency.

The firefighters who work on the fire boat practice water safety all the time. Firefighter John Hill says, "We

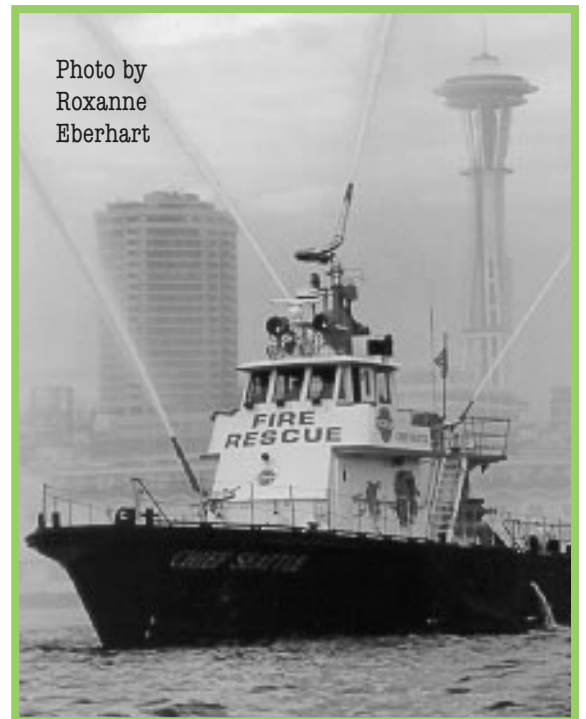


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Finish the Sign

Be like the crew of the Chief Seattle.

W _ _ R Y U _ _ I _ E J C _ E _ !
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Decide if the statement is True or False. Circle the right answer. Use the letters from the right answers to fill in each blank space on the sign.

1. Matches and lighters are tools for grown-ups.

True = E

False = D

2. Wearing a bike helmet unbuckled and slid to the back of your head will still keep you safe.

True = S

False = A

3. There is a law that says kids have to wear life jackets on most boats.

True = O

False = Y

4. It is important to practice fire drills at home.

True = R

False = M

5. Smoke alarms will last forever.

True = N

False = L

6. Wearing sunscreen will help prevent sunburn.

True = F

False = P

7. You should know at least two ways out of your home or school in case of a fire.

True = A

False = T

8. It is OK to call 9-1-1 if you are bored and want to talk to someone.

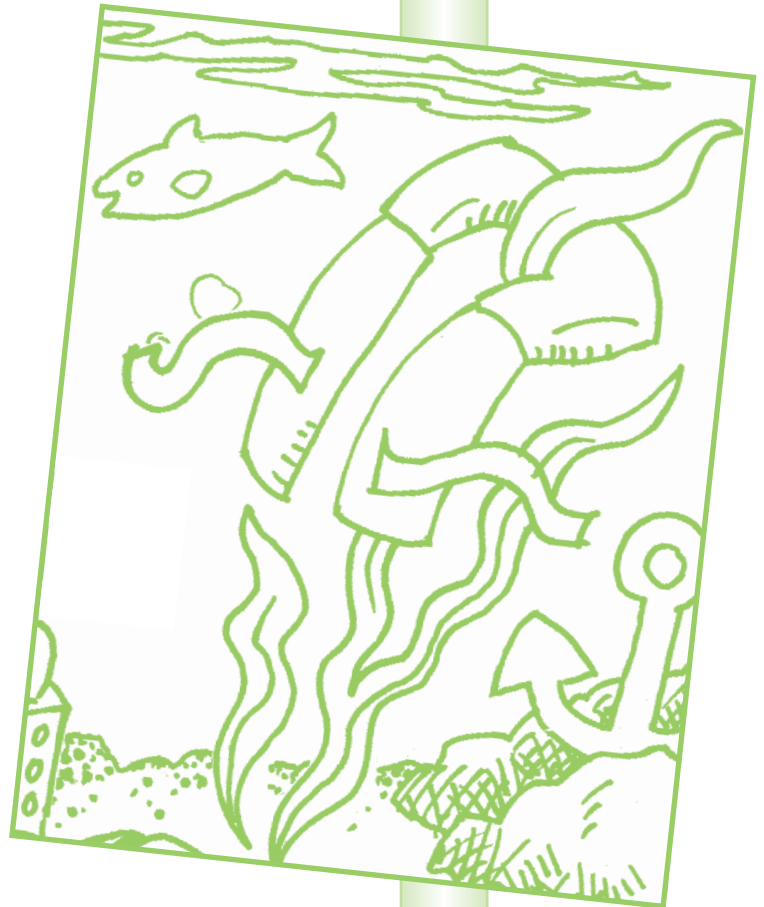
True = B

False = K

9. Summertime is the most fun time of the year.

True = T

False = G



Wear Your Life Jacket!

Crash is an alien from the planet Accidents Happen. Can you help write a tune that will teach Crash how to be safe?



Pick one of the following topics by drawing a circle around it.

- Be safe in the water – wear your life jacket
- Cross smart – look both ways and use the crosswalk
- Use your head – wear a helmet when biking or skating
- Fire is not a toy – Matches and Lighters are for grown-ups
- Know when to go – practice fire drills at school and at home

Circle one of the following tunes:

Row, Row, Row Your Boat
Mary Had a Little Lamb
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
Any other song you would like to use:
(write its name in the space below)

Write new words to your chosen tune that will help Crash learn about the topic your picked.

Example: To the tune of: **Itsy Bitsy Spider**

The firefighter helps us learn our safety rules.
Playing with matches is only for fools.
If you see a fire, "Help!" you'll scream and shout!
Dial 911. The firefighter will put it out!